Export of textiles

1168. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's export of textiles have registered an increase during first nine months of the year 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the value of exports in this regard and the value of exports during corresponding period of last year; and

(c) the total exports expected for the present year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (b) As per DGCI&S data, the textile exports during the first nine months of 2002-2003 i.e. April-December 2002 have amounted to US$ 8849.4 million as against the exports of US$ 7814.6 million during the same period 2001, recording a growth of 13.2%.

(c) As per available DGCI&S data, the textile exports during the year 2002-2003 have amounted to US$ 11,842.2 million.

Expansion of mulberry sericulture in the new and non-traditional areas

1169. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Sericulture Projects envisage expansion of mulberry sericulture in new and non-traditional areas (outside Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir);

(b) how do the achievements in the new areas compare with the targets in terms of production of Bivoltine Cocoon and productivity;

(c) the State-wise and year-wise targets and achievements with steps taken or proposed to be taken for expansion of bivoltine sericulture during Tenth Plan?

THE MINISER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Sericulture Projects (NSP) were implemented between 1988-1996

in 5 traditional States and 12 non-traditional States for expansion of sericulture.

(b) Target and achievements under the project in the non-traditional States *viz.,* Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Gujarat, Punjab , Haryana and Himachal Pradesh is given below:

Mulberry (Hect.)		**Cocoon Production (MT)**		**Silk Production (MT)**	
Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
8600	2565	1600	160	160	17

(c) Yes, the performance of the National Sericulture Project implemented by Central Silk Board was reviewed/evaluated by the Implementation Completion Review Mission constituted by the World Bank with the representative of the World Bank and SDC during January/ February 1997. The Review Mission opined that "the overall project outcome is assessed to be satisfactory".

(d) The state-wise and year-wise targets during X plan and achievements during 2002-03 with respect to production of Bivoltine Sericulture is given below:-

UNIT IN MT

Name of the state	Production target of Bivoltlne raw silk during						
		2002-03	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	Target	Achievement*	Target	Target	Target	Target	Target
1. Karnataka	600	353	1000	1500	2500	3500	4500
2. Andhra Pradesh	150	127	300	500	800	1000	1500
3. Tamil Nadu	60	27	80	110	150	250	400
4. West Bengal	3	1	15	30	60	75	100
5. Jammu & Kashmir	25	100	35	35	50	80	100
6. Others	62	77	70	75	80	90	100
TOTAL	900	685	1500	2250	3640	4995	6700

Targets indicated from the year 2003 onwards is cumulative.
*Provisional

The following steps are being taken for expansion of bivoltine sericulture:-

- Through Research & Development efforts of Central Silk Board improved hybrid silkworm breeds and bivoltine breeds have been developed.
- The centrally sponsored schemes of X plan period *i.e.* catalytic development programme provide greater thrust to bivoltine sericulture by undertaking development and expansion of host plantations, development of farm infrastructure, upgradation of reeling and processing technologies, enterprise development programmes, data base development programmes etc.
- During X plan period an enhanced amount of Rs. 450 crores has been earmarked for implementation of Plan schemes, out of which 173.73 crores is for implementation of catalytic development programme.
- Under the III phase of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) assisted project, technical support is being provided to the State of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh & Tamil Nadu for expansion and promotion of bivoltine sericulture.

Protection to Indian Garment Exporters in WTO

1170. SHRI G.K. VASAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps to protect the interest of Indian garments exporters in WTO;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government have been taking appropriate steps to protect the interests of Indian textiles export industry including garments in the WTO. Some of the recent steps taken are given below:-